

CARRANZA TROOPS MARCH ON SONORA

Federal General Confirms Report That State of Michoacan Has Seceded

OBREGON LEADS REBELS

By the Associated Press. Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mex., April 21.—News dispatches regarding the statement of a Carranza official and reconing reports made to American army southern department headquarters by the intelligence service hold an overshadowing interest today in the minds of officials of the state of Sonora, which recently withdrew allegiance to the Carranza government. Additional concentrations of federal and state troops for the expected clashes were reported, but nothing was known of actual encounters.

The American army intelligence report was to the effect that Lieutenant Colonel Alvaro Obregon, candidate for president of Mexico, and recently reported under detention at the capital, was in active command of revolutionary forces in Michoacan.

Washington, April 21.—(By A. P.)—Official and unofficial reports received here today from Mexico told of further defections from the ranks of Carranza adherents. Advice to the State Department said that General Fortunato Maycat had joined the Obregonists with his entire command, which has been operating in the border country between the states of Morelos, Michoacan and Guerrero, a short distance west of Mexico City.

Reports at the State Department said a group of fifteen deputies has left Mexico City for Sonora by way of Laredo. It was supposed they were among the forty-eight who recently issued a manifesto charging Carranza with having precipitated the present situation.

Dry's Attack Ohio Decision. Washington, April 21.—Reversal of Ohio Supreme Court decision sustaining the validity of the state constitutional referendum amendment and dismissing injunctive proceedings brought to prevent the prohibition and woman suffrage amendments being referred to the voters was asked in a brief filed with the Supreme Court yesterday by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Teachers' Retirement Bill Signed. Trenton, April 21.—Governor Edwards has signed the bill by Assemblyman Guthrie, of Mercer county, providing for the retirement of teachers on half pay after thirty-five years' service.



MRS. GEORGE DORSEY Who will appear as "Titty in Princess Bonnie," in aid of the St. Monica Day Nursery, to be given tonight by the St. Monica Choral Society at the Metropolitan Opera House

Deaths of a Day

JOHN S. WETTER

Former County Commissioner and Civil War Veteran Dies. John S. Wetter, formerly county commissioner and for many years prominent politician in the northwest section of the city, died Monday night at the home of his son, Harry E. Wetter, 2240 North Twenty-second street.

Mr. Wetter, who was seventy-five years old, had been retired since 1908. After serving throughout the Civil War he was appointed to a position in the county commissioner's office. He rose to chief clerk, and in 1875 was elected commissioner, serving the full three-year term. He became chief clerk in the Electrical Bureau in April, 1887, and held that post until his retirement in 1908.

He "ran" with one of the old volunteer fire companies, and was a member of the famous old Orion Club. He also was a Mason and a member of Baker Post, No. 8, G. A. R.

He is survived by his son and two daughters. William Marks Buried. William Marks, a retired merchant and Civil War veteran, who died Sunday in the Jefferson Hospital, was buried here yesterday. Mr. Marks, who was in his seventy-seventh year, was senior member of the old firm of Marks Brothers, whose department store at Eighth and Arch streets was one of the most widely known in the city. In recent years Mr. Marks had been living in Atlantic City. He retired from business about twelve years ago.

Eugene Seeber. The funeral of Eugene Seeber, of 2223 Morris street, a widely known musician, who for the last fifteen years had been identified with the annual productions of the Mask and Wig Club, will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Oliver H. Fair Building, 1820 Chestnut street.

Japanese to Wed New Jersey Girl. A native of Japan, Sadataka Teshima, thirty-three years old, obtained a license here today to marry May Herd, twenty-six years old, of Irvington, N. J. Teshima is a merchant of Chicago, Ill. They will be married in this city.

SOUTHERN TORNADO KILLS AT LEAST 157

Survivors of Storm in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee Appeal for Help

PROPERTY LOSS IS HEAVY

By the Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—The toll of yesterday's terrific storm which swept portions of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, was placed today at 157 persons killed, scores injured and property damage of approximately \$2,000,000.

Communication with the stricken areas was being gradually restored today, but latest reports did not add to the death toll.

Appeals for aid were received from many small towns and settlements and Red Cross relief parties were being organized at many points to carry food and tents into the storm-swept districts.

The greatest havoc wrought by the storm apparently was in the three Alabama counties north of the place. The storm apparently struck first at Guin, Ala., and zigzagged through northwestern Alabama, eastern Mississippi and southern Tennessee, where its force was spent.

The death toll by states follows: Mississippi—Meridian, 14; Neshoba county, 19; Glen, Alcorn county, 10; Aberdeen, Monroe county, 21; Bay Springs, Jasper county, 7; Ingomar, Union county, 6; Egypt, Chickasaw county, 5; Baker, Union county, 5; Clayton, Winston county, 3; Cedar Cliff, Clay county, 3; Starkville section, Oktibbeha county, 3; Rosehill, Jasper county, 6; Amory, Monroe county, 3; Runnels Bridge, Lauderdale county, 2; Kosciusko, Union county, 2. Alabama—Marion county, 20; Killingsworth Cove, Madison county, 15; Nebama section, Colbert county, 4; Gurley, Madison county, 3; Little Cove, 2; Waco, Franklin county, 1. Tennessee—Williamson county, 1.

ABNER LINCOLN'S FUNERAL Services for Centenarian Held This Afternoon

Funeral services for Abner Lincoln, who died Sunday, in his 101st year, were held this afternoon at his home, 908 North Sixth street.

The Rev. Dr. W. Dayton Roberts, of the Temple Presbyterian Church, conducted the services. Mr. Lincoln helped build the Temple Church, and was for sixty-five years one of its elders.

Mr. Lincoln, who is survived by five children, enjoyed health and the use of all his faculties until a short time before his death.

He had lived in the house at 908 North Sixth street since 1864. Mr. Lincoln was born at Oakham, Mass., May 12, 1819, and came to Philadelphia in 1844. He founded the Lincoln Furniture Co. at Fourth and Brown streets, which still occupies the site.

Officials of the company said that during the railroad strike they were obliged to get coal where they could, and in consequence they received some of very poor quality. Low steam resulted, with the necessity of dropping part of the power load for a brief period this morning.

The latest power break occurred about 9 o'clock. It only affected those sections served by the main power house of the Philadelphia company.

PUTS AGRICULTURE FIRST IN INDUSTRY

Secretary Meredith Protests Against Destructive Criticism and Asks Fair Play

TELLS DEPARTMENT'S VALUE

New York, April 21.—Protest against destructive criticism of his department and a plea for fair play toward the nation's basic industry, agriculture, formed the keynote of an address today by E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, at a luncheon of the bureau of advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Mr. Meredith revealed the national Department of Agriculture as a gigantic business agency for the people of the United States returning to its "stockholders" a profit of several times 1000 per cent a year on all the money invested in it. He instanced perhaps half a score of typical items, such as durum wheat, rice, Egyptian cotton, serum preventive of hog cholera and various others, successfully introduced by the department in comparatively recent years, as evidence of the big returns being made on investment, these financial returns aggregating hundreds of millions of dollars, and then asked: "If a private business in which you are a stockholder were putting dividends like these into your pocket, would you go around complaining because one of the employees happened to lose a pencil—saying to everybody with whom you

came in contact that the management was inefficient, destroying confidence in your own business, driving your customers away and generally being evasive of so remarkable a dividend?"

Destructive Criticism Unfair. Admitting that there are instances of inefficiency in every department of the government, just as there are in many other businesses, Mr. Meredith says, "Why should we, the stockholders, get into the habit of emphasizing the very small items of inefficiency, and of overlooking the general results?"

He told of the case of an employee of the Agriculture Department who resigned his place because, as he told the secretary, his salary was being wasted "because he wasn't given responsibilities," and who took a statement to the newspapers giving that reason for his resignation. Some newspapers published this statement, accompanied by editorial comment on what was designated as the wastefulness existing in the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Meredith said he had argued with his subordinate against the emphasizing of his case, adding that he had not been entrusted with responsibilities because he had not yet qualified for them.

"I ask you," said Secretary Meredith, "if the papers carrying his complaint—and the only thing he did in the department that could be commended was to resign—were serving the best interests of their readers by publishing a statement designed to discredit the government service, to shake their confidence in the government, in a department paying many times 1000 per cent per year? Is it well to emphasize small inefficiencies and thereby discredit the whole?"

"There will always be unfair critics. Every department and every institution has them. But if we lend them our newspapers to use as sounding boards it is mighty poor advertising for our government."

The secretary told of the great scope of agriculture in its relation to all branches of business, dwelling on the fact that what is good for the farmer has a beneficial effect on every branch of commerce and trade, and he urged the newspapers to open their columns to a wider extent to discussions of farm topics put to them or to questions affecting other lines of trade.

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A protest against the reductions of the appropriations to the department by action of Congress notwithstanding the immense value to the people and its growing needs and a tribute to employees who are remaining in the service despite inadequate salaries, formed the concluding features of the secretary's address.

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N. Y. HOUSE PASSES SOCIALIST BILLS

Measures Regulating Official Ballot Go Through by 83 to 56 Vote

Albany, N. Y., April 21.—Two bills, aimed to bar the Socialist party of America, as now constituted, from the official election ballot, were passed by the Assembly last night. The vote on each bill was 83 to 56.

One of the bills sets up a series of qualifications for members of the Legislature and other public offices and provides for their disbarment from such office upon conviction of failure to meet the qualifications.

The other measure gives the attorney general the right to petition the third appellate division of the Supreme Court for proceedings to determine if a political organization advocates policies and doctrines that if carried into effect would violate the constitution, and further provides that if such a political party is found to advocate such principles or policies they must be barred from the ballot.

The Senate, this morning, by a vote of 24 to 23, declined to discharge the judiciary committee from further consideration of the resolution of Senator L. W. H. Gibbs, designed to provide for the reconstruction of the state government system.

Samuel Phillips, forty-six years old, was found unconscious in the kitchen of his home on Amber street near Lehigh avenue, at 7:30 o'clock this morning by his wife, Emma. Gas flowed from an open jet.

Phillips was taken to the Episcopal Hospital in a patrol of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station. He was resuscitated by a pulmonologist and will recover.

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BRIEF STRIKE IN SCRANTON Street-Car Men Expected to Resume Work This Afternoon

Scranton, April 21.—(By A. P.)—Scranton's street railway system was tied up this morning. The walkout, which began at midnight, is expected to end later in the day on an agreement between the company and the strikers.

It is planned to arbitrate the differences, with arbitrators named by each side, who, failing to agree, are to have a fifth arbitrator named jointly by the president of the railway company and the international president of the street-car men's union.

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